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1. A forbidden area in which trials with rocket projectiles takes place is said to exist near Kolberg.\*
2. Mecklenburger Bucht: Stationary Soviet or Soviet Zone Sea Police signal stations have been observed on the coast near Darendorf (Rosenhagen), Schwansee, and Klutze. At night, there is a much livelier searchlight activity than heretofore.
3. Apparent attempt to feed false information to West German fishermen: Several West German fishermen have been told in Sassnitz that the Soviets have recently greatly strengthened their garrisons on the East German coast. There are supposed to be 50,000 troops, partly Mongolian, on Ruegen; 30,000 in Rostock. Submarines are said to be constructed for the Soviets in Stettin at the Vulkan Dockyards. None of the fishermen has seen any evidence that the troops have actually been increased. Source considers this as merely another tactic in the cold war.
4. Sassnitz, Rostock, Warnemuende, and Wismar harbors are forbidden to West German fishing vessels. They may enter only in case of necessity and then must be escorted by a police boat which will remain with them during the time they are in the harbor.\*\*
5. The serial construction of smaller trading ships in the East Zone is being reduced in favor of the construction of larger vessels.
6. The Soviets are said to have put forth a claim for the GWEISDAU which was raised in Gdynia harbor. The searching of ships in the Rummig Neufahrwasser is very strict now. Even the coal bunkers are probed with long iron poles to determine if there is anything hidden under the coal.
7. The captain and several seamen of the motor ship "Elbe" were arrested by the Sea Police on 30 April as they approached the beach near Herrenwyk (Trave). They were taken to Schmadorf where they were interrogated separately. They were released after a detention of five hours during which they were plied with Communist propaganda of the most primitive kind.\*\*\*

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- 25X1A [ ] COMMENT: Large cement constructions just west of Kolberg have previously been reported. The port is forbidden to trading ships.
- 25X1A [ ] COMMENT: The area twenty miles west of Kolberg is the only spot in the Baltic suitable for large-scale landing operations.
- 25X1A [ ] COMMENT: More West German cutters than ever before are being stopped by the East Zone Sea Police and taken into harbors.
- 25X1A [ ] COMMENT: This incident took place in the Bay of Luebeck. It is not clear why the captain of the "Elbe" and his people were approaching the strand. The area is rich in salvage and it is possible that they were trying to make off with something which the East German Sea Police properly considers to be its own. There have been many instances of smuggling and thievery by West German fishermen in the East Zone and, in some instances, the Sea Police have been justified in apprehending West Zone fishermen.

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